REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. General

Claims 1-75 of the present application were rejected in a Final Office Action dated March 24, 2003. Applicant submitted a response to the Final Office Action (mailed May 23, 2003), and an Advisory Action was mailed June 2, 2003 informing Applicant that the arguments presented in the response were unpersuasive. Thus, Applicant now files a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 with this accompanying amendment, which amends claims 29 and 61. More specifically, the phrase "identifying, parsing" is deleted from each of claims 29 and 61 and replaced with "identifying". Thus, the term "parsing" is removed from each of claims 29 and 61. These amendments are intended as broadening, rather than narrowing, the scope of claims 29 and 61. Additionally, Applicant hereby reasserts the arguments presented in the response of May 23, 2003 with regard to claims 1-75.

II. Request for Interview

Applicant's attorney hereby requests an interview with the Examiner prior to the Examiner issuing a next Office Action on this application. Applicant's attorney requests that the Examiner call him at the below telephone number before issuing a next action on the merits for this application to schedule a telephonic interview.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Version With Markings to Show Changes Made

Claims 29 and 61 have been amended as follows:

29. (Amended) A service activation system for activating a service on a target network management system or other information management system with universal or generic informational changes entered in one or more service provisioning systems, the system comprising:

(a) an activation system further comprising:

an order processing system communicatively interconnected between said service provisioning systems and

at least one domain manager communicatively connected to the order processing system for receiving a service order comprising at least one generic service component, wherein the at least one domain manager translates said at least one generic service component into corresponding device specific parameters, and the order processing system is adapted to route the at least one generic service component to an appropriate domain manager of the at least one domain manager,

one or more peer managers communicatively connected to the at least one domain manager to route the at least one generic service component to an appropriate domain manager of the at least one domain manager, wherein the at least one generic service component is received from the order processing system, wherein each of said at least one domain manager having

at least one element management system communicatively connected to the at least one domain manager for receiving the device specific parameters in order to activate the service on the target network; and

(b) at least one gateway as an interface to the service provisioning systems, communicatively connected to said service provisioning system for receiving a service activation request, wherein said gateway having a processing engine for

(1) sending and receiving messages, and

(2) ~~identifying, parsing~~ identifying service order and component data for population into order database tables.

61. (Amended) A service activation system for activating a service on a target network management system or other information management system with universal or generic informational changes entered in one or more service provisioning systems, the system comprising:

(a) an activation system further comprising:

an order processing system communicatively interconnected between said service provisioning systems and

at least one domain manager communicatively connected to the order processing system for receiving a service order comprising at least one generic service component, wherein the at least one domain manager translates said at least one generic service component into corresponding device specific parameters, and the order processing system is adapted to route the at least one generic service component to an appropriate domain manager of the at least one domain manager,

one or more peer managers communicatively connected to the at least one domain manager to route the at least one generic service component to an appropriate domain manager of the at least one domain manager, wherein the at least one generic service component is received from the order processing system, wherein each of said at least one domain manager having at least one network management system communicatively connected to the at least one domain manager for receiving the device specific parameters in order to activate the service on the target network; and

(b) at least one gateway as an interface to the service provisioning systems, communicatively connected to said service provisioning system for receiving a service activation request, wherein said gateway having a processing engine for

(1) sending and receiving messages, and

(2) ~~identifying, parsing~~ identifying service order and component data for population into order database tables.